

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/750,301

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kenneth R. Coulter

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment on 5/9/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-27,30-40,43-49 and 52-61.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 December 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/10/05;2/10/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other IDS 7/26/04;4/28/04.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not specifically disclose or remotely suggest

With regard to independent claims 21, 36, and 48:

enabling the **wireless client device to specify search criteria**, wherein the search criteria include instructions to **search one or more selected fields of the messages**;

enabling the wireless client device to select an application action for execution on one or more **messages that reside on the at least one remote server**, wherein the selected application action includes **editing the one or more messages that match the search criteria**.

These limitations, in conjunction with the other limitations in the independent claims, are not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record.

With regard to the previous rejection of the claims in view of Smith (U.S. Pat. No. 6,529,903), the amended independent claim language discloses "editing the one or more messages that match the search criteria", which is not done in the Smith or in the Dejanews search engine scenario (Zoken (U.S. Pat. No. 5,944,787)).

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Newly cited reference Birrell et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,009,462) discloses a wireless device that can specify search criteria, wherein the search criteria includes searching one or more fields in messages.

However, the message editing of Birrell is related to the composition of new messages. The independent claim language of the present Application includes "editing the one or more messages that match the search criteria."

Newly cited reference Frietas et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0049858) discloses a wireless device that can specify search criteria, wherein the search criteria includes searching one or more fields in messages.

However, the message editing of Frietas is related to the editing of new messages (drafts).

The independent claim language of the present Application includes "editing the one or more messages that match the search criteria."

In addition, the Examiner points to Applicant's arguments (Amendment received on 5/9/05; pp. 11 - 12).

A review of claims 21 – 27, 30 – 40, 43 – 49, and 52 - 61, in view of the Examiner's arguments above and in view of Applicant's arguments detailed above, indicates that claims 21 – 27, 30 – 40, 43 – 49, and 52 – 61 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R. Coulter whose telephone number is 571 272-3879. The examiner can normally be reached on 5 4 9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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